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PASS ACTION/PEACE CORPS FOR MARY KING FROM BROWN/PAYTON

AF/E FOR AMBASSADOR SPAIN

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: PEACE CORPS VISIT

1. DISCUSSIONS ABOUT PROSPECTS FOR PEACE CORPS RE
ENTRY TO
TANZANIA ARE OFF TO GOOD START. ACTION/PEACE CORPS DIRECTORS
BROWN AND PAYTON ALONG WITH CHARGE HAD POSITIVE MEETING WITH
PRESIDENT NYERERE IN PRESIDENT'S HOME VILLAGE OF BUTIAMA 23
JANUARY. IN PRESENCE OF FOREIGN MINISTER MKAPA, MINISTER FOR
MANPOWER PLANNING MWANGA AND TWO OR THREE OTHER SENIOR TANGOV
OFFICIALS, NYERERE SAID THAT HE THOUGHT PERSONALLY IT WAS A GOOD
IDEA FOR PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS TO COME BACK TO TANZANIA NOW,
IF APPROPRIATE PROJECTS COULD BE FOUND. WITH KNOWING SMILE AND
HALF WINK AT MKAPA AND MWANGA, HE TOLD BROWN AND PAYTON TO GO
ROUND TO SEE IF HIS MINISTERS SHARED HIS VIEW (IMPLICATION WAS
THAT ALL DO NOT) AND SEE WHAT MIGHT BE WORKED OUT. IT WAS CLEAR
FROM PERSONAL WARMTH WITH WHICH NYERERE RECEIVED BROWN/PAYTON,
EMPHASIS HE PUT DURING TALKS ON IMPORTANCE OF "HUMAN DIMENSION"
WHICH VOLUNTEERS BRING TO ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, HIS MENTIONING
OF SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES PEACE CORPS SHOULD LOOK AT, AND HIS
INDICATION THAT HE WOULD WELCOME A VOLUNTEER ON BUTIAMA
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COMMUNITY FARM, THAT INITIAL PROSPECTS LOOK GOOD. (NOTE: BROWN/
PAYTON REQUEST THAT LINE NOT YET FORM FOR BUTIAMA VOLUNTEER
ASSIGNMENT.)

2. IN DISCUSSIONS FOLLOWING NYERERE MEETING, MKAPA ACKNOWLEDGED
THAT PRESIDENT OBVIOUSLY APPROVES SOME FORM OF PEACE CORPS RE-
ENTRY. HE ASKED BROWN/PAYTON TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS THROUGH EMBASSY

HERE FOLLOWING THEIR TALKS IN TANZANIA AND REFLECTION BACK IN WASHINGTON (MKAPA LATER TOLD CHARGE TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS THROUGH MWANGA UNLESS SUBSEQUENTLY INFORMED OTHERWISE. MWANGA IN CONVERSATION WITH PAYTON EXPRESSED POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD PEACE CORPS RE-ENTRY.) MKAPA THEN EMPHASIZED THAT PEACE CORPS SHOULD MODULATE ITS RE-ENTRY TO ENSURE IT IS MODEST INITIALLY, "NOT FLAMBOYANT," AND WITHOUT EXCESSIVE PUBLICITY. BROWN/PAYTON/ CHARGE STATED THEY FULLY CONCURRED AND THAT WE WOULD TAKE PUBLICITY CUE FROM TANGOV. (NOTE: THERE HAS BEEN NO TANGOV PUBLICITY TO DATE.) BROWN POINTED OUT THAT SOME CONTINGENCIES SUCH AS UPCOMING CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS MIGHT REQUIRE MENTIONING HIS AND PAYTON'S VISIT, AND THAT MIGHT RECEIVE PUBLICITY, BUT THAT PEACE CORPS WOULD TREAT IT IN CONTEXT OF EXPLORING PROSPECTS IN TANZANIA ALONG WITH OTHER COUNTRIES ON BROWN/PAYTON ITINERARY. MKAPA WAS PLEASED.

3. ACTION/PEACE CORPS VISITORS PLAN TO EXPLORE WITH TANGOV OFFICIALS OVER NEXT FEW DAYS KINDS OF PROGRAMS PEACE CORPS MIGHT GET INVOLVED IN HERE. EMBASSY WILL REPORT ON THOSE MEETINGS.
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